

Our 40th Year



# Foggy Bottom News

May 1998

Published by the Citizens of Foggy Bottom and West End

Volume 40, No. 7

## BZA Issues Final Order on H&W Center

by Jim McLeod

On March 31, in a final order, the Board of Zoning Adjustment granted George Washington University's second application to build a Health and Wellness Center at 23rd and G Streets NW. The BZA limited the Center's hours of operation and restricted its use to GWU students, faculty and staff.

In its summary of evidence, the BZA noted concerns of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A and others who opposed the application. The BZA expressed concerns about the hours of operation, the intensity of use, the lack of any residential units at this site which was designated as "support with residential."

### Hours of Operation

The final order set 10:00 p.m. as the latest closing time. Proposed Monday-Friday closings were changed from 1:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday closings from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For Saturdays, the BZA added two hours to the proposed closing—from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### Intensity of Use

Opponents advocated that because of its anticipated intensive use, the Center should be built in the core of the campus rather than its border. The BZA noted that GWU said the "maximum number of visitors that may fill all the spaces

See *Wellness*, page 4

## GWU Readies Space for Local MPD Center

A former liquor store owned by George Washington University is being readied for use by the Metropolitan Police as a community policing center. Captain Shannon Cockett discussed the center at a recent community/police meeting for PSA 207. The center will be used by officers from PSAs 207 and 208. It will not contain any holding cells nor will suspects or prisoners be processed there.

Captain Cockett stated that the university will provide the space, bring it up to code and pay for utilities, and they hope to complete necessary repairs and clearances by this summer. Also in the works is a request submitted to the Department of Public Works for reserved parking spaces in front of the building for patrol cars.

When asked about open hours and services to be provided, Captain Cockett replied that they depended on (1) what the residents desired as to services, and (2) the availability of individuals to operate the center. She stated that officers would use the center for reports to headquarters and other purposes, but would not be "stationed" there. Centers such as this one are staffed by police reservists and civilian volunteers. The center's hours of public access will depend largely on their availability. Residents wishing to volunteer should contact Lt. Atcheson at 282-0050 or his voice mail, 282-1162, ext. 21511.

## Be A Good Neighbor and Improve Our Streetscape

On Monday and Thursday evenings—no earlier—please place tied and heavily bagged trash outside for Tuesday and Friday morning pickups. If your house has alley access, such as Hughes Mews, it can be placed there for pickup.

Please do not leave trash containers in your front yards; they attract extremely unwelcome "critters" and often create litter. Even though our houses are small, it is possible to find a spot inside or in back for trash containers during the week.

These easy steps will go a long way toward making and keeping Foggy Bottom cleaner and more beautiful.

## UPDATE

### Improper Residential Parking Permits Rescinded

A search of DPW records has revealed residential parking permits issued improperly to several students in Foggy Bottom and Georgetown. Notices have been sent to the holders of these permits to return them. Only cars registered in the District are permitted to have residential parking permits following legislation sponsored by Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans.

West End Citizens Association President Jack Batham is one of the Ward 2 residents who complained about the DPW miscue and of its slow response in correcting the mistakenly-issued permits. Councilmember Evans also experienced dismay at DPW's lack of action, going back some months.

### New Post Office Hours

The Postal Service has announced changes in post office hours, effective in April. The 20th Street station, between M and N Streets, will be open

Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The station is closed on Sunday.

### GWU Outlines New Projects

George Washington University recently outlined for neighborhood leaders their plans for five building projects under way or planned. These are in addition to the wellness center which recent-

See *Update*, page 8

## Mayor Scores FB at College Dems Meeting

Reminiscing about his early civil rights days in the south, Mayor Marion Barry urged GWU students at a GWU College Democrats' meeting to get involved in their local communities. The Mayor then complained vigorously about Foggy Bottom residents who, he said, "are always on your case about something."

Barry portrayed the community as hostile to all student interests, including a specific reference to a lovely new park and an expanded wellness center. "They don't even want you living here," he told the group.

After concluding this litany, Barry again challenged the students to go after the local power structure (ANC?) to make their voices heard.

See *Mayor*, page 3

## FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

### MEETING

Speaker:

**William Becker**  
General Counsel

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

**Monday, April 27, 1998**

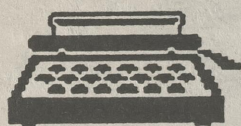
**Wyndham Bristol Hotel**

**2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**

**7:30 p.m.**

(Next Meeting, Monday, June 1, 1998)





### "Q" Lauds Better FB/Student "Community"

When I first stepped onto the George Washington University campus as a student in August of 1994, I noticed that within Foggy Bottom there lived two groups of people. The students and long-time community members lived as neighbors, but not as a "community." My sophomore year I did something to change things; I took on the role of Community Relations Director within the Student Association and for several years served as the student representative to the community. I made sure that there were student representatives at all Foggy Bottom Association, West End Citizens Association and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (2A) meetings. During those years I worked on increasing participation between students and community members through projects like Clean Up Foggy Bottom and The Off Campus Orientation. There was much more positive interaction between community members and students because of these projects. Students have even become politically active by registering to vote in D.C.

In May I will graduate, and while I know that many other students and community members will continue the

### Catherine Stokes

Catherine S. Stokes, longtime resident of Eye Street, died March 22 at the Potomac Valley Nursing Center in Rockville. She was 82 and died of congestive heart failure.

A native of Nebraska, she moved to Foggy Bottom in 1957 with her husband, Charles, and both were in the U.S. Foreign Service and involved in the U.N. relief efforts in Greece, Libya, and Ethiopia. She later worked for the deputy mayor of D.C. Mrs. Stokes was active in the Foggy Bottom Association in its early days. She is survived by one sister and three brothers. A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Stephen Martyr Church and attended by friends and neighbors, as well as her family. St. Stephen's deacon, John Bobbitt, spoke about her and her accomplishments.

positive dialogue and interaction that has been established, I will greatly miss the Foggy Bottom community. I thank Ellie Becker, Lucille Molinelli, and the entire Foggy Bottom community for all they have taught me and for their support in my efforts to show the community the positive qualities students bring. I will greatly miss all of you!

*Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar*  
President, The Student Association, The George Washington University

### Buildings Support Grocery Receipt Drive

Again this year boxes were placed in FB apartment houses for the collection of Safeway and Giant receipts for the benefit of our three local schools. The total collected, though down from last year, was impressive, with each school receiving receipts for over \$25,000 each.

Back in the fall, when the drive started, the Brawner Company's Angie helped at the St. George; Sharon Sheffer at the Newport made sure we emptied the box often; and Helen Bryan at Hamilton House again smoothed the way this year. The residents of Carriage House at New Hampshire and L were especially generous, as were those at West End Place on 22nd Street. Here the shoebox was replaced on the front desk by an attractive urn with a specially printed sign, more befitting the handsome lobby.

Jennie Lazowski faithfully collected from the box at Jefferson House on 24th Street, and Don Tobey again gathered receipts in his mail box from the Claridge residents. The Plaza on 25th and the Griffin on 26th did their part, and Jessie Stewart again found a good spot near the Potomac Overlook's mailboxes. The schools receiving the receipts were Stevens Elementary School on 21st Street, Francis Junior High on N Street, and School Without Walls on G Street. Some of the "purchases" made were computer software, e.g., World Book Encyclopedia for Windows, VCRs and printers. Thanks to all who dropped receipts in the boxes to help make things a little better for D.C.'s youngsters.

May 1998

Volume 40, No. 7

## Foggy Bottom News

The *Foggy Bottom News* is a publication of the Foggy Bottom Association. All editorial assistance is contributed on a volunteer basis by residents of the area.

Editor ..... Ellie Becker  
Ad Manager..... Steve Timlin  
Contributors ..... John Graves, Rennie Melonson,  
Jim Patterson

To place ads, call Steve Timlin at 338-8750. Cost for classified ads is 60¢ per word; a 2-inch high by 2-column (or 4-inch high by 1-column wide) ad — the smallest available — is \$38.50.

FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS  
c/o West End Library  
24th & L Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037

June issue: to be distributed May 30  
Copy Deadline: May 15, camera ready: May 22

ADVERTISING	(202) 338-8750
BILLING	(202) 337-8750
EDITORIAL	(202) 337-5528
DISTRIBUTION	(202) 337-5528

The opinions expressed in this publication are those of the writers. Their appearance here constitutes neither an endorsement nor official policy of the Foggy Bottom Association.

### 1997-98 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President ..... Ellie Becker  
Vice President ..... Michael T. Thomas  
Secretary ..... Kirsten Olsen  
Treasurer ..... Matthew Hall  
Membership Director ..... Polly Berman

Olga Corey	James McLeod
Chris Lamb	Richard J. Price
Lucille Molinelli	Jo Tucci
Marjorie Wheatley	

### Preservation League Publishes Citizen's Guide to Historic Preservation

The D.C. Preservation League has published and is making available the "Citizen's Guide to the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Process and to Appearing Before the Historic Preservation Review Board." The guide is free and "provides the information necessary to

understand how the process works, when to get involved, and how citizens can prepare for presenting their project proposals, concerns, interests, and/or issues before the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board."

The publication also assists citizens in their preparation to testify before the HPRB, outlining its procedures, and how decisions are made. For a copy, contact DCPL at 202-737-1519.

## STRESS?? PAIN??

GET A

## MASSAGE

Gerald Troop MST Massage Therapist

★ \$10 Off Introductory Offer ★

For information or appointment, call 202-296-7764

Convenient 21st and Penn. Ave., NW, location

**GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE**

### About Gerald Troop MST

Jerry Troop began his DC practice in 1983 at the Watergate Health Club. His massage style includes the best of Western and Oriental techniques. Using the basics of Swedish, he integrates the principles of Shiatsu or acupressure with his bodywork. The result is a deeply relaxing and enjoyable massage with lasting therapeutic value. Call for excellent references.

### Fee Schedule (in office)

1 hour: Full body massage ..... \$50.00  
1/2 hour: Neck, back, shoulders (clothed) ..... \$25.00

**Value pack:** Three 1-hour sessions ..... \$120.00

**Introductory offer: \$10 off first session**

Travel fees: \$10-\$30. Depending on location

**Male or Female Therapists Available**

squash courts

squash lessons

personal training

free weights

group exercise classes

weight machines

# The Fitness Company

## LAFAYETTE CENTRE

1120 20th St., N.W. • Washington, DC 20036

Your fitness partner for life.

**Call: (202) 659-6888**

stairmasters

treadmills

lifecycles

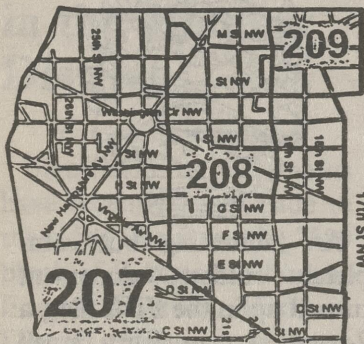
towel service

locker room amenities

2 large exercise studios



## News from 2D (2nd District, Metropolitan Police)



### 2nd District Begins "Door-to-Door" Campaign

The officers of PSAs 207, 208 and 209 have begun an effort entitled the "Door-to-Door" campaign. Each officer has been assigned a number of homes to visit, basically to become better acquainted with the residents they serve. During the visits, residents will be briefed on the new PSA system, and invited to attend the monthly community meetings in each PSA. They are visiting single-family homes now; apartment buildings and office buildings are to be visited later.

As reported last month, PSA 207 experienced a significant decrease in its most troublesome offense, theft from auto. After a record high of 50 in February, the figure for March was 10. PSA 207's Lt. Robert Atcheson, at the March 26 community meeting, attributed the drop to the hard work of 207's officers, and to several arrests. One such arrest was made by Officer Thomas Green who observed, then checked on a suspicious person on Virginia Avenue, and found he was wanted in the Third District. 207's Team Leader, Sgt. Robert Panizari, stated that he could have committed three to four breakins per day.

Total offenses in March for PSA 207 were 32, down from 82 in February and 47 a year

ago. There were 1 robbery, 4 assaults, 6 burglaries, 6 thefts, 10 thefts from auto, and 5 stolen autos.

PSA 208 experienced a drop in thefts from auto but an increase in other types of theft. Their total of 66 offenses was the same as in February, but down from 125 in March, 1997. They had 3 robberies, 2 assaults, 4 burglaries, 40 thefts, 13 thefts from auto, and 4 stolen autos.

Officer **Thomas Rosenberg**, formerly one of PSA 207's team, has moved to the vice unit of the 2nd District. Nicknamed "Rosie," he is now in Lt. Joseph Trippi's detective squad, and continues in plain-clothes work which he often performed prior to this most recent assignment.

### PSA Community Meetings

PSA 207's community meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish Hall, 2430 K Street, N.W. PSA 208 will hold its meeting on Wednesday, May 6, at the State Plaza Hotel, 2114 F Street, N.W. at 7:00 p.m.

At each community meeting a variety of crime prevention material is available. Among the brochures seen recently are "Protecting Yourself," "Protecting Your Business," and "Protecting Your Property." Information is also available on securing windows and doors, home security hardware, and neighborhood watch.

### Awards Banquet Set for May 29

The Third Annual Awards Banquet of the Second District will be held on Friday, May 29. Call 282-0070 for information and reservations.



### PSA Notebook at West End Library

The Second District has placed in the libraries within its boundaries notebooks containing information on its patrol service areas. The information listed includes the name, assignment, and voice mail box number of every officer listed, as well as crime summaries and PSA maps. A notation is also made of the monthly community meetings for each PSA. The books are being updated monthly to keep them accurate and current.

### GWU Invites Seniors to Audit Classes

Residents who are 60 or older and live in zip codes 20037 and 20006 are being invited to audit selected classes at the university in the summer, fall and spring sessions. The cost of each class is \$50, and registration for summer classes will take place starting May 13 at the Alumni House, 714 21st Street, N.W. Proof of age and residence is required.

The new schedule was not available at press time, but classes in 55 areas were available during the spring session. Included are science, international affairs and business, music and art, religion, languages, etc., etc. In fact, from A (Accountancy) to W (Women's Studies). The "Z" for zoology probably comes under the category of biological sciences! Marie Stevens is Director, Alumni Benefits & Services, and can be reached for information at 994-3987.

## Ann Loikow Seeks Control Board Seat

Longtime residents will remember the name of Ann Loikow, who served as one of the first ANC Commissioners in Foggy Bottom and West End. Her civic activities over the years are legion and her interest in a better D.C. are non-stop. She is seeking an appointment to the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority Board, also known as the D.C. Control Board.

While in Foggy Bottom Loikow was the first president of the Swarthmore Tenants Association which completed one of the first commercially-financed purchases of a large apartment building in D.C. Since moving to a Cleveland Park home large enough for her family in 1979, she has served as an appointed member of the National Capital Planning Commission; was a part of the Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Committee's effort to rezone parts of Wisconsin Avenue to conform to the D.C. Comprehensive Plan and protect nearby residential neighborhoods (a major goal of the Foggy Bottom Association as well); and was active in the Committee of 100 on the Federal City, a citizen's group concerned with planning issues.

Currently a Counsel in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, she specializes in consumer affairs, historic preservation and fair lending issues. Her 26 years in Federal service have involved federal banking law and regulation. A graduate of Vassar with a J.D. from Georgetown University, she served earlier with the U.S. Information Agency in Cameroon.

Letters of support for her appointment may be sent to the President, with a copy to Charles Duncan, Special Assistant to the President and Associate Director of the Office of Presidential Personnel, both at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20500.

### Mayor, from page 1

What the Mayor did not mention, or doesn't know, is that GW students and local residents have been working together on a variety of neighborhood issues—cleanup, helping the elderly, fighting crime, and many others. The GW Student Association is a regular visitor at meetings of the Foggy Bottom Association. And just last year, the FBA voted to

offer membership in the Association, at half price, to all GW students living in the area.

Yes, it is certainly true that the Foggy Bottom community has had its differences with GWU—and will continue to do so. But these differences have for the most part been with the university administration, not the students.

**CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN MARTYR**

**SUNDAY VIGIL MASS**  
Saturday 5:30 PM with Cantor

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
9:00 AM with Cantor  
11:30 AM Solemn with Choir  
1:00 PM with Gospel Choir  
5:30 PM with Cantor

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Monday through Friday 6:30 AM, 12:10 & 5:30 PM  
Saturday 12:10 & 5:30 PM

**CONFESSIONS**  
Tuesday 11:30 AM to Noon  
Wednesday and Thursday After 12:10 PM Mass  
Saturday 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM

Available for Confessions and Consultations at any time.

2436 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037 (202) 785-0982

OPHTHALMOLOGY

OFFICE HOURS  
BY APPOINTMENT

**SHIRLEY MIDDLETON, M.D., P.C.**  
Eye Physician and Surgeon

2401 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Suite LL-125  
Washington, D.C. 20037

Telephone (202) 265-1811  
Ans. Serv. (301) 277-3200

**JACK H. OLENDER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**

The Law Firm With  
**MAJOR EXPERIENCE in**  
Prosecuting **MALPRACTICE CASES** for  
**CHILDREN with CEREBRAL PALSY**  
or **BRAIN DAMAGE &**  
**OTHER SEVERELY INJURED PERSONS**

888 17th Street, N.W. 4th floor • Washington, D.C. 20006  
**(202) 879-7777**



## Foggy Bottom Folks

A recent dilemma was quickly solved by **Glynis Alder** who needed help in disposing of her old carpet. Right there in the last *FBNews* she spied the ad for bulk trash pickups, and she reached for the phone. Presto-change-o, the rug disappeared for what Glynis felt was a most reasonable fee. Spring move-outs take note!! Call 202-635-7860.

Another resident had an equally pleasant experience at new advertiser Mail Boxes Etc. on L Street. She advised that the many services listed are in fact available there, along with the pleasant personality of owner **Pam Porter**.

**Bill DeCosta**, who served at the West End Library, has traveled north and west to a new library post. DeCosta, who catalogued and began an index of the *Foggy Bottom News* while at West End, is now at the Cleveland Park branch of the D.C. Library.

The head librarian at West End, **Barbara Zubinski**, traveled definitely in a western direction for a recent holiday. Lake Tahoe was her destination, and she exhibited a degree of reluctance to return, despite happy memories of one of her favorite vacation spots.

Heading south earlier this year were **Ginny and Ralph Burr**, who visited Ecuador, Peru and environs. Ralph helped the FBA this year by looking into some possible improvements for the children's park on 26th Street. His technical knowledge and community interest were a helpful combination.

There is a new trio of businesswomen in our neighborhood, in a restaurant with the catchy name of One Fish Two Fish. **Maria Kuang, Teresa Chen** and **Carol Kuo** are on hand to prepare and serve the sushi and Chinese selections.

Situated in the 2400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, the restaurant seats 50 and offers takeout and limited delivery.

As noted earlier, there have been a bevy of new neighbors in the 2500 block of Eye Street, but none as welcome and handsome as **Samuel Gordon Phillips**. Master Phillips arrived on February 13, delighting his parents **Elizabeth Cooper** and husband **Allen Phillips**, but most especially **Grandma Ruth Cooper**, down from Long Island "for the duration."

There is a new and busy woman on the George Washington University Hospital scene. She is **Lisa Saisselin** who just joined the hospital as Director of Marketing. Seems she has some community relations responsibilities as well, so her face will be familiar one around Foggy Bottom in the months and years to come.

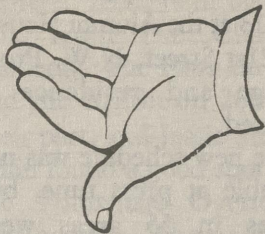
The new director of IONA Senior Services is **Louise C. Myers**, formerly with the GWU Medical Center, where she was a medical social worker and Chief Operating Officer and Associate Administrator for Facilities Development. Myers also served with the Jewish Social Service Agency. She succeeded **Elizabeth Fox** in the post at the end of March. IONA offers personalized professional and volunteer services to people 60 years of age and has a continuing relationship with and activities at FB's St. Mary's Court.

In the FBA's mail recently was a note from a resident who tried but failed to attend the March FBA meeting. She had read in a local newspaper that our meetings are held at St. Paul's which is not the case. She did not leave a full name or phone number, so this is our only way to let her know we regret the error. Please try again at the Wynd-

ham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue.

The March issue of *The In-Towner* brought back an attack of nostalgia. An entire half page was devoted to a photo of the Circle Theatre, gone, lamented but not forgotten by FB and many other D.C. residents. It was built in 1911, purchased by the Pedas brothers in 1957, and was torn down in 1986 to make room for the IFC's mega-office building. The theatre was known for its repertory films (vintage, musicals, etc.); there seems to be no place for them in the 1990s, more's the pity.

**Carlos Delgado** and **J.P. Aleman** of the Foggy Bottom Cafe are proud of the new items they are offering. The menu now sports 5 new appetizers, 2 sandwiches, several new pasta dishes, and three new entrees. Home for Carlos is the Dominican Republic, and J.P. was born in Argentina and raised in Puerto Rico, signaling the new dishes' origins—guess what?—Puerto Rican, Argentinian, Dominican and other Caribbean. Don't worry, the "standards" are there, too.



### Will You Give FBA a Hand?

We're looking ahead and asking early for a hand with some FBA chores. The time involved is not great, nor the duties onerous. First, next fall one *FBNews* "paper route" will need a deliverer, for

houses and retailers near 26th, 25th, Pennsylvania Avenue and M Street. We have nine issues per year, and walking the route on a Saturday takes about an hour. Also, from time to time a volunteer with a car could spell the editor on the Saturday morning journey around FB dropping bundles of papers at various buildings and homes. There's always a helper on the approximately 2-hour trip. Call 337-5528.

**Bill DeCosta**, who has been at the West End Library but is now at Cleveland Park, made a great start on a project we hope is right up someone's alley. Bill organized the forty years of *Foggy Bottom News* in the library's possession, and got far along on an index of issues. After setting up categories to be indexed, he got as far as the late 1980s prior to his transfer. Is there a "mad indexer" out there who would take this on and finish it? An index to the paper will help us as well as researchers all over the city. We can get the completed index into a computer—that's the easy part. The indexing takes more patience and thought, and will be such a welcome addition.

### Wellness, from page 1

within the building simultaneously will be 457; of these 457, no more than 150 would be guests, i.e., defined as other than students, faculty, and staff." In its findings, the BZA said that students, faculty and staff would not create "a traffic impact," but that "offering use of the faculty to anyone who is not a student, faculty member, or staff person from the Foggy Bottom campus, such as alumni, neighbors, and those from other campuses will create an adverse traffic impact."

The ANC and other opponents have been criticized for this part of the order because it says residents ("neighbors" specifically) cannot use the facility. But, BZA's reasoning appears questionable. If they accepted GWU's maximum use level of 457 persons, why exclude "neighbors" from the 457 who can use the Center? If they did not accept GWU's maximum use figure, then on what basis did they conclude that students, faculty and staff would not create "a traffic impact"?

### No Student Housing at Site

As for residential units in the building, the BZA noted in its summary of evidence that opponents suggested student housing would be a better use for the site. Neither BZA's findings of fact nor conclusions of law, however, make any reference to the lack of any residential housing for students at the site. Construction is expected to begin later this year.



An interesting but completely outdated document turned up in the FBA files, a 2-page list, in fairly small print, entitled "Services in Foggy Bottom." The date is unknown, but the listings are divided into apparel stores, bookstores, movies, financial institutions, restaurants, hair care, cleaners, etc. etc. As did the photo of the Circle Theatre mentioned elsewhere in this issue, it evoked nostalgia for those listed which are no longer here. But it would be a dandy reference for us who live here, to acquaint us with services in our own backyard, and to support these businesses and to spend our dollars in D.C. (it needs them!) Any takers for such a project? Seems someone might learn a lot and perhaps take some pounds off checking out sources.

202-635-7860

Very Low Prices

## Bulk Trash Pick Up


- Sofas as low as \$15.00
- Appliances as low as \$25.00
- Yards, basement & attic clean-up
- Monthly contracts available

Established 1976

## natural day care

Oasis Of Love

2430 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037



Dir. Catherine Miller

202-338-6389

Foggy Bottom Hist. Dist.

## WATERGATE GALLERY & FRAME DESIGN

Distinctive Custom Framing in Modern & Traditional Styles  
Museum Quality Conservation Framing  
Creative Matting & Mounting

featuring exhibitions by local artists



**The Watergate Mall**  
2552 Virginia Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037

202-338-4488



## New Brick Sidewalks Laid in the Historic District

by Charles Farbstein

Significant improvements have recently been made to the sidewalks along the 2500 block of K Street and in the Foggy Bottom Historic District. Those on K Street are part of the ongoing rehabilitation of the east end of the Whitehurst Freeway. They resulted from prolonged negotiations with the Department of Public Works (DPW) by a committee formed to make the 2400-2600 blocks of K Street, which are zoned residential, more neighborhood-friendly to residents and pedestrians.

The new sidewalks in the Historic District are unrelated to the Freeway project. The latter is largely financed by the Federal government, while the sidewalks in the Historic District—on 25th, 26th and I Streets and the west side of 24th Street and New Hampshire Avenue—are paid for out of a special allocation in the D.C. budget for sidewalk rehabilitation. After lengthy negotiations, spearheaded by committee member Maria Tyler, DPW agreed to resurface all the existing brick sidewalks in the Historic

District with new bricks when this allocation became available. Early this year a limited amount of money was received and the committee pressed for top priority for Foggy Bottom. So far, most of the sidewalks in the Historic District have been renewed. Additional funds are expected to be provided and we are told that the remaining work is to be finished in midsummer.

Only temporary patchwork has been done to the Historic District sidewalks as long as anyone can remember. Anyone walking through our neighborhood encountered many uneven places, broken or missing bricks and areas of potential danger. Initially, DPW began replacing only those segments where there were the most uneven or broken areas; but later agreed to replace entire lengths of sidewalk, even if this meant some delay. Most would agree that the workers are doing an excellent job and the sidewalks that have so far been renewed are now in beautiful condition. They are safe and upgrade the appearance of our neighborhood enormously. Existing concrete sidewalks will be repaved in the few places where this is necessary.

Two people deserve special mention with respect to the renewal of these sidewalks. First, Mr. Gary Burch, head

### Next Meeting "Avoids" Memorial Day

In order to avoid having a meeting on or the day after Memorial Day, the "May" meeting of the FBA will be held on Monday, June 1. The regular June meeting will revert back to the last Monday of the month, and will be held on Monday, June 29. FBA elections will take place June 29; meetings are not held in July or August.

of engineering and construction at DPW, recognized our needs and authorized the work when funds became available. Second, ANC Commissioner Maria Tyler worked to persuade Mr. Burch that the work for the whole of the Foggy Bottom Historic District be authorized and, since it started, has coordinated closely with him, his colleagues in DPW and the contractors, to ensure that the bricklaying be in fact done as agreed.

### More on the Sidewalks

The new brick sidewalks in Foggy Bottom's historic district have spawned several comments and stories, most of a favorable sort. High on the "favorable" list, according to several residents, are the workers who laid the thousands of bricks which add new charm to our area. The contractor for the job was the Santos Group in Capitol Heights, whose project director conferred often

## Bus Idling Signs Installed on Penn. Ave.

By Jim McLeod

Last fall, after a meeting of the FBA, a Foggy Bottom resident made a request to June Hirsh of Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans' office for "no bus idling" signs in the 2400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. After many followup calls, the signs were finally installed March 24 and 25, 1998.

Busses can be fined \$500 for parking and idling. Before the signs were installed bus drivers frequently either pled ignorance or told complaining residents they are mistaken about the law. While a good night's sleep is important to residents, "idling-bus" calls to the police non-emergency number are not given a high priority.



DPW employee Mohammed Ullah installs "No Parked Bus Idling" sign in front of 2424 Pennsylvania Avenue.

The signs have helped to keep the noise and air-pollution levels down on the block. If you notice violators, either point out the signs to the driver or call the police at 727-1010. A \$500 fine should get the message across and provide you and your neighbors with quieter nights.

with Commissioner Tyler. More than one person commented that rarely had such hard-working and industrious workmen been seen on our streets. Never, at least for most residents, was one or more "supervisors" seen standing around while others worked. (How many regular city projects can make such a boast?) Another characteristic was common sense and awareness of the work needed. Tree roots were neatly skirted, a dab of mortar added elsewhere if needed, and unfailing friendliness was shown to passersby who greeted them.

In addition to those mentioned in Charles Farbstein's article, George and Anne Higgins of Eye Street prais-

ed Ricky Sudoma of DPW's Street Maintenance Division for his response to their inquiries.

One critical comment was heard from a resident who wondered why this was being done when there were still "lots of potholes to fill." Several responses might be given: (1) the funds used for the sidewalks was appropriated strictly for sidewalks, not streets; (2) most potholes are less than one year old, while problems with our sidewalks have existed for much longer periods of time; and (3) this is the first time in at least 30 years that these sidewalks have seen proper and attractive repairs. And they look terrific!

## CLASSIFIED

**ABILITY IS AGELESS**—Use a senior handyman for repair, plumbing, electrical, kitchens, baths, painting, vinyl flooring, tile, wallpaper. Let an expert senior do it with quality workmanship. (703) 534-0152.



More sales & listings of Foggy Bottom condo & coop units than any other Agent from 1987-1996.\*

If you plan to buy or sell in 1998, please call.

If we don't talk, we will both lose money!

Thanks — TOM

\*Based on DC MLS records.

**Tom Murphy**  
Pardoe  
Real Estate

Off: 202-333-6100  
Hm Off: 301-946-6442

Private Line: 202-625-5342

P.S. Of the thousands of real estate agents in Washington, in 1990 through 1996, Tom ranked number 1 in total number of sales transactions.

### George Ayoub Carpet Service

Wall-to-Wall Carpet Cleaning  
Also Upholstery Cleaning  
15% Discount With this Ad  
Professional Cleaning  
Over 20 years experience  
Residential • Commercial



(703) 356-6186

### Encore!

Since 1971!

### WEEKEND GETAWAYS

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Sat. May 2  | <u>Ephrata Cloister</u> (Pa. Dutch 7am-7:30pm) \$83*           |
|             | Remarkable 18th-cent. religious community                      |
| Sat. May 16 | <u>Frank Lloyd Wright Duo</u> (Pa. 6:45am-9pm)                 |
|             | Tour both <u>Fallingwater</u> and <u>Kentuck Knob</u> \$100*** |
| Sat. May 23 | <u>Hunt Country Stable Tour</u>                                |
|             | (Middleburg 9am-6pm) \$78                                      |
| Sat. June 6 | <u>ABT at the Met</u> (NYC 7am-9pm) \$170**                    |
|             | World Prem. of Russian tale "The Snow Maiden"                  |
| Sun. June 7 | <u>Cozy Inn Strawberry Festival</u>                            |
|             | (Md. 9:45am-6:30pm) \$39*                                      |

Incls: \*transp, tours, lunch \*\*lunch extra \*\*\*dinner

For information, reservations and Brochure, call  
**Encore! (202) 223-1259**

Luxury bus excursions with convenient pick-up in Foggy Bottom



## The Local Kaleidoscope

By John Graves



Many months have passed since my last piece about the construction that damaged our streets and the responsibility for restoration. I came down pretty hard on GWU with a "sourpuss" logo, and referred to the situation as a "bummer." Was I ever wrong! I was in violation of the basic rule of journalism—check all sources.

In trying to do a thorough job this time I was determined to get some answers. Let me take you on a small part of this bureaucratic, labyrinthian telephonic tour.

Required were many dozen phone calls, voice-mails and messages not returned. But I am a persistent soul after many years involvement in politics and the federal and local bureaucracy. On April 1, I finally got the dates on the "planned" highway and sidewalk construction by the District in this area. The source: John Flemming, Area Highway Engineer for the D.C. Government. He answered his own phone on both calls and gave me these approximate times for new paving:

24th Street from G to I and L to M, this summer;  
23rd Street between D and E, next summer;  
H Street from 23rd to New Hampshire, this summer;  
G Street from 17th to Virginia, this summer; and  
Virginia Ave. from 22nd to Constitution, this summer.

These are 80/20 Federal Highway Fund share projects. You will also note gaps which are due to bridges, but that is another story, so stay tuned. In this melange H Street will eventually be paved from 19th to 25th Street.

My mission was to find out why the Western Presbyterian Church (WPC) had never even temporarily repaired the

parts of 24th, G and Virginia Avenue damaged during construction of the church. Surely they made a deposit or placed funds in escrow, so I made the first of many phone calls.

Now to the frustration. In pursuit of the dollar figures on the damage by the construction of WPC, the calls were absolutely unbelievable, but I am a determined person. The pastor, Rev. Wimberly, was kind, but had nothing, except that the money, and there was quite a passel I understand, went straight from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to the contractors. The prime contractor, Tompkins, had no figures, which I found very strange because all three

entities are within blocks of each other.

Now I go to the city government and that was a real trip. It was the same department as above where I had such success on the highway construction dates, but this was a different division. All I needed were the \$\$\$ figures that WPC & IMF had deposited or escrowed with the city for the restoration of the public area, including trees, damaged or destroyed during construction of WPC.

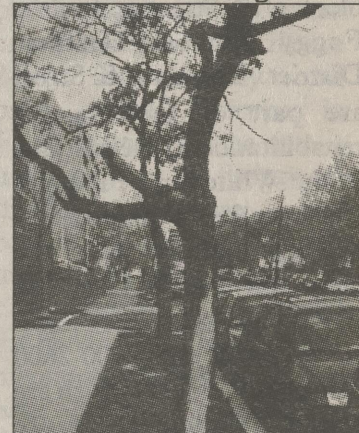
### From Jenkins to Butler to Grant

I began at the top, Mr. Parney Jenkins, Chief of Highway Construction for the District. I spoke to him

once and that was the last time; afterward he did not return my calls (that's plural). I was referred to Dennis Butler, a kind man in charge of Investigations and Inspections. We spoke many times, but no \$\$\$\$. He referred me to the Public Information Chief, Linda Grant, who had to authorize him to release those \$\$\$ figures. I called her "voice mail" (as opposed to a human), but here is one of the pleasant surprises. She returned my call at 6:30 PM!! How's that for dedication? But no \$\$\$! She never told Mr. Butler to release the figures. I called Mr. Butler and verified this. You are probably beginning to laugh at this point, but I repeated this exercise several

times, how many I forget. I just gave up, because I had no intention of calling IMF—can you imagine an excursion through that international bureaucracy which is mostly financed by Uncle Sam!

So what was all the secrecy of these \$\$\$ figures that Mr. Butler was referring to?



## Live the Way You Want to Live at Thomas House

**Thomas House offers** spacious renovated apartment homes to fit your lifestyle. Your apartment includes regular housekeeping, a daily meal, and cultural programs and activities for an enjoyable retirement. Thomas House Continuing Care Retirement Community is convenient to Metrorail, buses, shopping, museums and other Washington attractions. Plus, the Thomas House bus is also available for shopping and medical appointments. As a Continuing Care Retirement Community, health care is available if you ever need it.

**For more information  
mail coupon or call  
(202) 347-3983**



☐ Please send me information on Thomas House

☐ Please call me to arrange a visit to Thomas House

Name .....

Address .....

City ..... State ..... Zip .....

Phone (.....) .....

**MAIL TODAY TO:** THOMAS HOUSE



1330 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

FB 422

**AFFORDABLE RETIREMENT IN THE HEART OF WASHINGTON!**



Bottom line, I have no \$\$\$ figures to report to you folks, but the damaged streets at 24th and G have not even been patched like GWU did on the opposite corner at 24th and H. While that 18" asphalt patch is smooth, the three sugar maples at 24th and G struggle to survive in their damaged condition. Pastor Wimberly proudly told me the WPC planted a willow oak at the Virginia juncture of G Street for \$700. It was really needless at that small point of heavy pedestrian and wheeled vehicles. The City Tree Department told me WPC did not have a permit although it was the prescribed tree. That \$700 could have been better spent to replace those three ugly, sickly sugar maples on G Street. Where are those \$\$\$ figures? And the WPC and IMF apparently had beaucoup/mucho/viel/ even scads, to spread around.

All the Foggy Bottom neighbors want is to see the public areas in their community—damaged during any private construction—to be restored to the original conditions. GWU is paying more than their share; so what about "Daddy Warbucks" over at the "Fund," as it is known by the esoteric?



A big smile goes to John Flemming. On the phone he was patient, calm while searching through figures and bids as we spoke, very courteously asking me to hold as he answered the other phone. We were on the phone a long time as he dug out those street construction sites above. He told me he had been there 35 years and is still answering his phone. He was kind. He is a gentleman and the city should be proud to

have such a dedicated public servant. No "voice mail" at the John Flemming desk!



The other names encountered in this fruitless pursuit get a big frown.

However, I must admit that Linda Grant is in a profession with a lot of traffic (no pun intended)—Public Information Director for the Department of Public Works. She was quite pleasant on the call returned at that late hour, but did not follow through with the \$\$\$ figures; consequently Mr. Butler was helpless with those secret figures, but he was a calm gentleman on the phone. Mr. Johnson, the Chief, didn't return my call because he knew he had John Flemming who would deliver

the responsible information.

If I only had the power of subpoena....

### Meanwhile Back at GW

But that will not be necessary with good neighbor GWU which readily provided us with some very exciting statistics—\$\$\$ figures—that is. No phone calls here, Dr. Al Ingle, Associate V.P. for Business Affairs, called a meeting of his immediate staff and gave us the \$\$\$ figures. Here is a general synopsis of the expenditures on or committed to projects which are the responsibility of the city. That does not apply to \$100,000 which GW deposited in escrow for damage to the streets during construction of the new dormitory at 24th and H Streets. It is assumed that some of

that figure will be applied to other needs in the campus public area. The cost of the replacement of the trees, sidewalks and curbing was assumed by GW.

We were also informed at this meeting that \$90,000 has already been spent on sidewalks; \$50,000 is committed or already spent on trees in the campus area. This is on public space, but GW has assumed the expense for the benefit of the community although it is the responsibility of the city.

In my previous article I was extremely critical and somewhat cynical about the "18-inch street patching" at the construction of the new dormitory at 24th and H. I was wrong. That was no

"bummer," and I want our community to know the facts on the good side. The \$\$\$ figures were there, I just did not pursue them, and oh, how easy it would have been. But not so with the WPC construction at 24th and G, whose \$\$\$ figures are all public information. I hope the WPC and Department of Public Works (DPW), and ....nah, I don't think the IMF reads the *Foggy Bottom News*.

An interesting footnote to this good news is that GW will pave over the gigantic sink hole on 24th near H, notwithstanding the fact that the entire street will be paved by the District this summer.

## Neighborhood Datebook

**Monday, April 27:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring presentation on the traffic changes proposed by the Kennedy Center. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 28:** GW Community Wellness Lecture, "Taking Charge of Your Asthma." GW Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 30:** Community Meeting, Police Service Area 207. St. Paul's Parish Hall, 2430 K Street, N.W., 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 30-Saturday, May 2:** Spring Dance Concert, presented by GWU Theatre and Dance Department. Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. \$8; students/seniors \$5; call 994-6178. 8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 3:** Institution of Reverend Andrew L. Stone as Ninth Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, with solemn evensong and benediction. The Right Reverend Ronald Haines, Bishop of Washington, will preside, and Bishop Michael Marshall of Holy Trinity Church in London will preach. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W. 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 3:** "Completing the Federal Triangle: the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center," tour by Pamela Scott. National Building Museum, 401 F Street, N.W. Call 272-2448. 2:30-3:15 p.m.

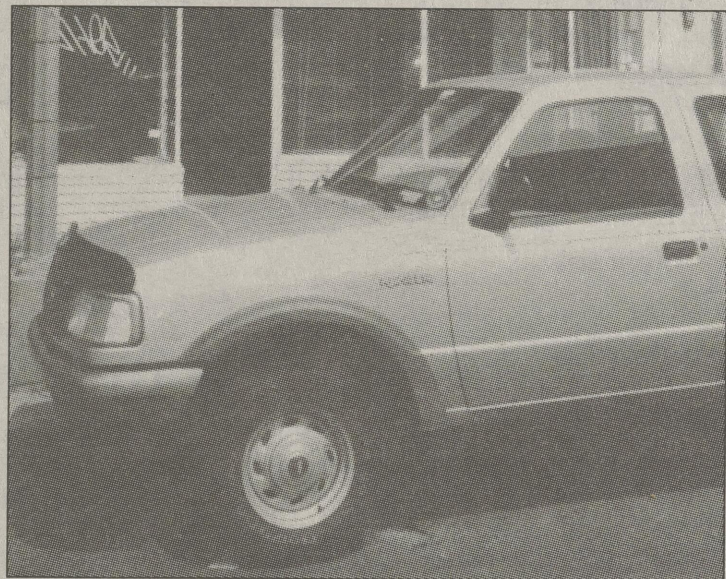
**Monday, May 4:** "Cities Back from the Edge," lecture by Roberta Brandes Gratz expanding on her recent book's approach to downtown development that stresses enhancement of existing assets over traditional "blockbuster" planning. National Building Museum, 401 F Street, N.W. \$12; call 272-2448, ext. 3904. 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 9:** "Bike the Sites: A Cycling Tour of Early Washington," sponsored by The Octagon and Bike the Sites, Inc. It features narrated stops and ride-bys that include the Capitol, White House, Lafayette Square and the Octagon. The Octagon, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W. \$35; for reservations call 966-8662. 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon.

**Sunday, May 10:** Concert, U.S. Marine Chamber Orchestra, featuring Aaron Copland's "Suite from Appalachian Spring," Olly Wilson's "A City Called Heaven," and Charles Ives' Symphony #3. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. 2:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 10:** Recital by Abigail Endicott, soprano, and Alex Charles Klebenow, tenor. St. Stephen Martyr Church, 2435 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 17:** Concert, National Musical Arts chamber ensemble, featuring traditional Indian music and selections by Paul Drescher, Terry Riley and Jack Jarrett (world premiere). National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. 4:00 p.m.



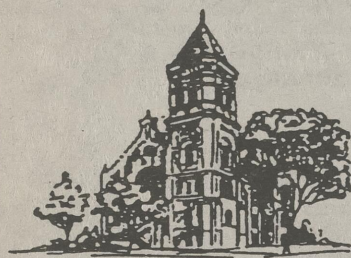
## The United Church Die Vereinigte Kirche

A merged Congregation of  
The United Church of Christ & The United Methodist Church  
1920 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006  
(202) 331-1495

Sunday Services in English at 11:00 every week  
German Services at 9:30 first and third Sunday

Weekly Community Services: AA, NA, OA, DA, MA,  
Miriam's Closet, Foggy Bottom Food Pantry  
Pastoral Counseling & Consultation Center

Senior Pastor Dr. H. Donald Smith • Pastor Alfred Radeloff, German Services





## United Church Runs Food Pantry

The Foggy Bottom Food Pantry is a mission of The United Church which reaches out to poor people in the community to provide supplemental food assistance. The Church's program also includes some support to a social worker in the neighborhood, a clothes closet in the Church's parish house and two homeless feeding programs. The Food Pantry distribution coincides with a Methadone Anonymous meeting held in the church and helps encourage participation in that program. The purpose of all these programs is to assist the poor and homeless to move forward to full, healthy, and productive lives and to become contributing members of the community. The food distribution by the Foggy Bottom Food Pantry contributes to the health and well being of the families who participate and also helps keep those families stabilized.

The Foggy Bottom Food Pantry has been in existence for over 16 years. Starting with a clientele of 5 families, the program has grown to where it currently distributes food to over 140 families and some street people on each of the two Saturday distribution mornings per month. Currently the program is distributing about 520 bags of food a month (about 6000 lbs.) at the monthly cost of about \$850. Average

household income of families served is under \$400 per month and the average size of families served is over four. Clients come from all over the city (there is no race, religion, sex, or age discrimination) and begin queuing 2 hours before the Food Pantry opens. Each household of more than one person receives two bags of groceries; street people receive special bags of ready-to-eat foods designed to meet their needs. Most of the clients appear more or less regularly.

### Funds & Volunteers Are Welcome

Funding for this program comes from church and community members. *There is a critical need for funds because of increasing numbers of people served. We need everyone's help.*

The Food Pantry is run by volunteers from the Church and the community (including students from George Washington University and some local high schools). Two volunteers driving vans pick up food from the Food Bank (or other sources) and bring it to the Church. Approximately 6 volunteers are required to pack and distribute bags of groceries on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

The Foggy Bottom Food Pantry is part of the network of support for homeless and poor in the city. The Food Pantry does not directly target homeless people but instead helps poor families to stretch meager incomes to cover basic living costs and thus it helps prevent families

from sliding into homelessness. In many cases it helps families get their feet on the ground and move into self-sufficiency.

*Update, from page 1*

ly received BZA approval and will soon be under construction, and the GWU Hospital's plans for a new building.

**Marvin Center.** Four new floors will be added to the building over the current main entrance ramps; 3500 square feet will be added to the bookstore, along with its own outside entrance; extensive interior renovation will take place, including part of the ballroom becoming a permanent lecture hall; and the University Club will be moved to two townhouses some distance away.

**Media Center.** Across from the Marvin Center, the University plans to build a media and public affairs center which will house faculty offices, classrooms, an auditorium, and a broadcast studio connected with the campus radio station and other media. The Dimock Gallery, currently in the lower level of Lisner Auditorium, will also move to this building. It will contain no antennas or satellite dishes. Underground parking will replace the spaces currently on the site.

**Law School.** Plans call for a new structure between the law school on 20th Street and two townhouses on G Street, adding about 25,000 square feet to be used mostly for offices.

**Mid-Campus Quadrangle.** The University tentatively plans new landscaping, an outdoor classroom, and a fountain, and the removal of Building V. Since the site contains a dedicated alley bounded on one side by Fire Station 23, changes are still being made to their plans.

**Memorabilia Room.** This is being added to the Gelman Library, and will house President Trachtenberg's collection and other material the Library owns.

## The Foggy Bottom Diner

### Six Eateries at 2000 Penn

*By Jim Patterson*

In between appointments, I recently conducted an unscientific food survey of establishments at 2000 Penn. In addition to the ever popular Bertucci's and Kinkead's (previously reviewed), there are a variety of smaller places to enjoy.

**Lindy's Bon Appetit** boasts itself as "The Best Little Carryout in Washington." On the day of my visit business was booming. Patrons were ordering an assortment of burgers (there are 24 burgers including veggie and turkey burgers on the menu). Subs and hot sandwiches are also on the menu. Breakfast is served 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. daily; the kitchen is open until midnight for carryouts.

A few steps away from Lindy's is **Cone E Island**, a perfect place to enjoy your favorite ice cream and cookies. The day I visited there was a long line of customers due to an unseasonably warm March day (the temperature was close to 90).

**Vaccaro's Pastries**, located where Hannibal's Coffee once resided, offers coffee and a nice variety of appealing pastries including cannoli, cookies, and cakes. My favorite is the chocolate eclairs. These things are huge!

**La Prima**, another carryout, offers sandwiches, priced around \$5, specialty salads, and Chicago-style pizza. There are daily specials for pizza, salads, soups, and pasta. Each day brings another tempting dish.

**Au Bon Pain**, my personal favorite for breakfast (they open at 6:30 a.m.) offers sandwiches, delicious pastries, bagels and specialty coffees. Local residents packed the house during my lunch visit. There is limited indoor seating and ample outdoor seating.

Finally, **The Burro** is a relatively new addition to 2000 Penn. The menu consists of such favorites as burritos, tacos, salad wraps, and quesadillas. However, don't expect to have breakfast here. Unlike the Dupont Circle Burro, an employee told me that the breakfast menu didn't appeal to customers in Foggy Bottom. Indoor seating is limited; patio seating is also available.

Get out of the heat and enjoy a dining experience at your favorite eatery at 2000 Penn. There are many fine choices.

**EXXON**

(202) 338-7739 • 337-6572

### WATERGATE EXXON

Auto Repairs • Lubrication • Tune Ups  
Tires • Wheel Balancing • Accessories

LEON MIRANIAN  
EDDIE MIRANIAN

2708 Virginia Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037

### Western Presbyterian Church

2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W.  
835-8383

Ministering in Foggy  
Bottom for 142 Years



Christian Ed. 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

**SUPPORT  
OUR  
ADVERTISERS**

### MAIL BOXES ETC.

2117 L Street, N.W. / Tel (202) 775-4302 / Fax (202) 775-4306  
Monday - Friday 9AM until 7PM • Saturday 10AM until 5PM  
Sunday CLOSED

#### Services Include:

- 24 hour Mailbox Service with street address
- Mail Receiving/Forwarding
- Call - in MailCheck® Service
- Stamps and Metered Mail
- Packing service and shipping supplies
- Shipping via UPS, USPS, FedEx, DHL & Airborne
- Fax Service (Send and Receive)
- Copies with 24 - hour Access Available
- Color Copying
- Notary on Premises
- Voice Mail
- Business Cards and Stationary
- Rubber Stamps
- Key Duplicating
- Office Supplies
- Laminating/Binding
- Pickup and Delivery Service
- Courier Service
- Phone Cards
- Gift Wrapping
- ....and More!



**DHL**